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Community Residential Alternative & Respite Overview

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- ➤ ISP & Prior Authorization Development (CRA)
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Community Residential Alternative & Respite Services

Services Defined

Community Residential Alternative Services

These services are targeted for people who require intense levels of residential support in small group settings of four or less, foster homes, or host home/life sharing arrangements and include a range of interventions with a particular focus on training and support in one or more of the following areas: eating and drinking, toileting, personal grooming and health care, dressing, communication, interpersonal relationships, mobility, home management, and use of leisure time.

These services are only available in the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP).

Respite Services

Respite Services provide brief periods of support or relief for family or other unpaid caregivers of individuals with disabilities. Respite is provided in the following situations: 1) When families or other unpaid caregivers are in need of support or relief in order to leave the home for periods during the day or overnight; 2) When the individual needs relief or a break from the caregiver; 3) When relief from caregiving is necessitated by unavoidable circumstances, such as a family emergency.

These services are available in the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) and New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and is an option for self-direction.

Community Residential Alternative & Respite Services

Policy

Community Residential Alternative Services - Policy

Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Part III, Chapter 2300

Basis for Reimbursement & Reimbursement Rates

- ➤ Chapter 2300, Section 2308
- Appendix A

Respite Services - Policy

Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP) Part III, Chapter 3100

New Options Waiver Program (NOW)
Part III, Chapter 2600

Basis for Reimbursement & Reimbursement Rates

- Chapter 3100, Section 3108 (COMP)
- Chapter 2600, Section 2608 (NOW)
- Appendix A

Community Residential Alternative Categories & Rates

Community Residential Alternative – Categories & Rates

Residential Setting	Residential Capacity	Category	Rate
Group Home	3-Person	Category 1 (Level 1)	\$210.32
Group Home	3-Person	Category 2 (Level 2)	\$276.92
Group Home	3-Person	Category 3 (Level 3,4)	\$308.05
Group Home	3-Person	Category 4 (Level 5,6,7)	\$326.85
Group Home	4-Person	Category 1 (Level 1)	\$182.29
Group Home	4-Person	Category 2 (Level 2)	\$253.05
Group Home	4-Person	Category 3 (Level 3,4)	\$282.43
Group Home	4-Person	Category 4 (Level 5,6,7)	\$299.67
Group Home	5-Person	N/A	\$186.94
Host Home	1-2 Person	Category 1 (Level 1)	\$160.06
Host Home	1-2 Person	Category 2 (Level 2)	\$198.40

^{*2-}Person Group Home Residents Are Authorized With 3-Person Group Home Rates

Respite Services

Categories & Rates

Respite Services – Categories & Rates

Respite Setting	Service Name	Category	Unit ofService	Annual Maximum
In Home	Respite - 1 Member	Category 1	\$5.17	
In Home	Respite - 2 Member	Category 1	\$2.85	\$4,935.17
In Home	Respite - 3 Member	Category 1	\$2.07	
In Home	Respite - 1 Member	Category 2	\$5.17	
In Home	Respite - 2 Member	Category 2	\$2.85	\$6,731.24
In Home	Respite - 3 Member	Category 2	\$2.07	
Out of Home	Respite - 15 Minutes - Out of Home	Category 1	\$5.17	\$4,935.17
Out of Home	Respite - 15 Minutes - Out of Home	Category 2	\$5.17	\$6,731.24
Out of Home	Respite - Daily	Category 1	\$164.52	\$4,935.60
Out of Home	Respite - Daily	Category 2	\$224.39	\$6,731.70

Community Residential Alternative & Respite Services

Level of Need

Community Residential Alternative Services and Respite Services are delivered according to **level of need**, or Assessment Level, which correspond to rate categories, or 'tiers', which reflect the fact that individuals with more significant needs require more intensive supports. Each waiver individual's **level of need** is determined by the Health Risk Screening Tool and the Supports Intensity Scale. Detailed description of the assessed levels and correlation to need categories can be reviewed at:

https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/residential-and-respite-cost-study

Descriptions of Assessment Levels

	Figure 3: Descriptions of Assessment Levels*
Level 1	Individuals in this level have largely mild support need and little to no support for medical or behavioral conditions. They can manage many aspects of their lives independently or with monitoring and prompting rather than physical assistance. This includes activities like bathing, dressing, and eating, as well as activities such as shopping or accessing the community.
Level 2	Individuals in this level have modest-to-moderate support needs and little to no support for medical or behavioral conditions. Although they need more support than those in Level 1, their support needs are minimal in a number of life areas.
Level 3	Individuals in this level have little to moderate support needs as in Levels 1 and 2, but they also have significant support needs due to medical or behavioral conditions.
Level 4	Individuals in this level have moderate-to-high support needs, requiring more frequent supports that may include physical assistance in several daily life activities.
Level 5	Individuals in this level have the most significant support needs, generally requiring frequent physical assistance in numerous daily life activities.
Level 6	Individuals in this level have exceptional medical conditions that result in the need for enhanced supports (in terms of the amount or specialization).
Level 7	Individuals in this level have exceptional behavioral challenges that result in the need for enhanced supports (in terms of the amount or specialization).
* Adapted	from research and materials produced by the Human Services Research Institute

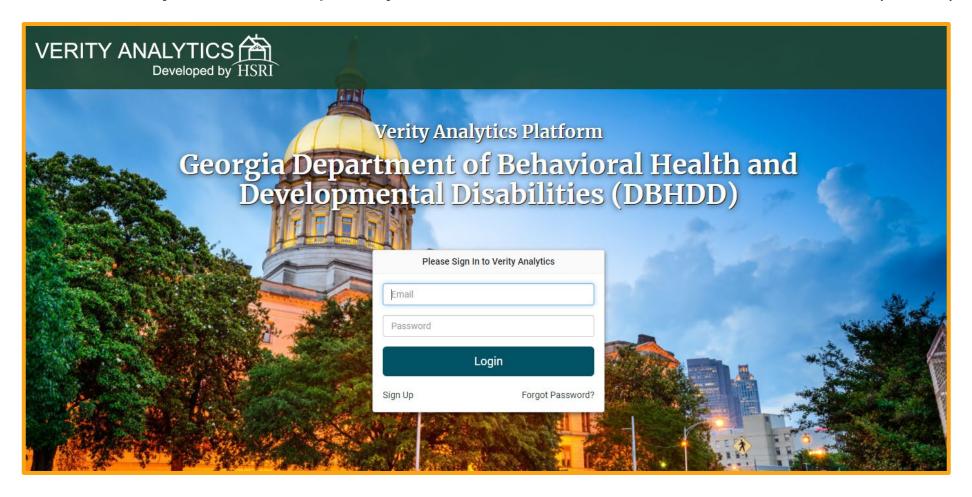
Assessment Levels Criteria

Figure 4: Assessment Levels Criteria						
Assessment Level	Supports Inte	nsity Scale	Health Risk Screening Tool			
Level	Sum of Sections 2A, 2B, and 2E*	Section 1B (Behavioral)				
1	8 to 24	Less Than 7	Low Risk (HCL 1-2)			
2	25 to 30	Less Than 7	Low Risk (HCL 1-2)			
3.1	0 to 30	7 to 10	Low Risk (HCL 1-2)			
3.2	0 to 30	Less Than 11	Moderate Risk (HCL 3-4)			
4	31 to 36	Less Than 11	Low or Moderate Risk (HCL 1-4)			
5	37 to 52	Less Than 11	Low or Moderate Risk (HCL 1-4)			
6	Any	Less Than 11	High Risk (HCL 5-6)			
7	Any	11 to 26	Any			
*Section 2A rela	*Section 2A relates to Home Support Needs, 2B to Community Support Needs, and 2E to Health and Safety Needs					

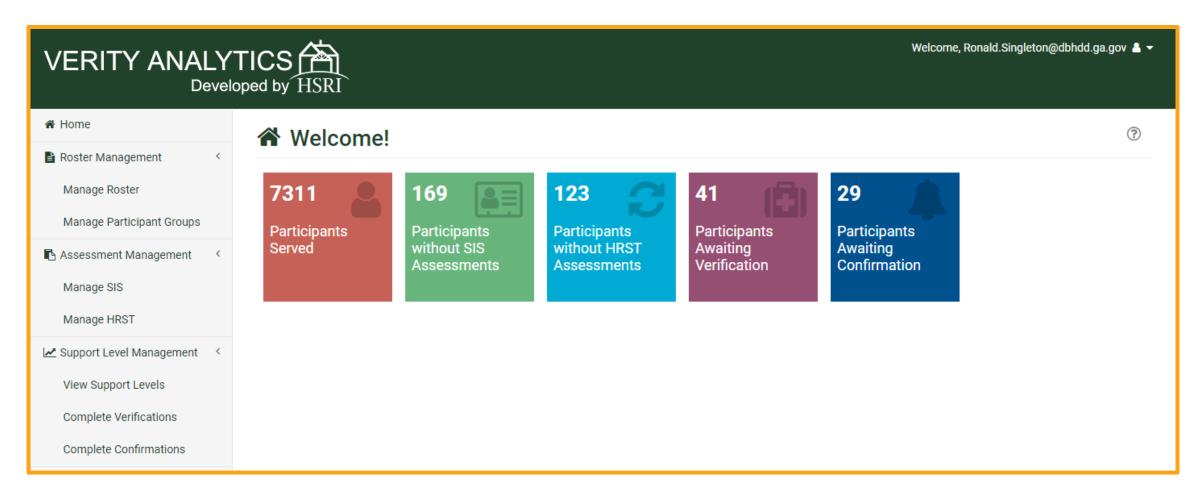
Crosswalk of Assessment Levels to Rate Categories

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Assessment Level	Group Home Rate Category	Host Home Rate Category	Respite - Overnight Rate Category			
1	Category 1					
2	Category 2	Cotocom 1	Cotocom 1			
3	Cotocom 2	Category 1	Category 1			
4	Category 3					
5						
6	Category 4	Category 2	Category 2			
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An individual's Level of Need (Assessment or 'Support' Level) is determined by DBHDD using a web-based system developed by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI).

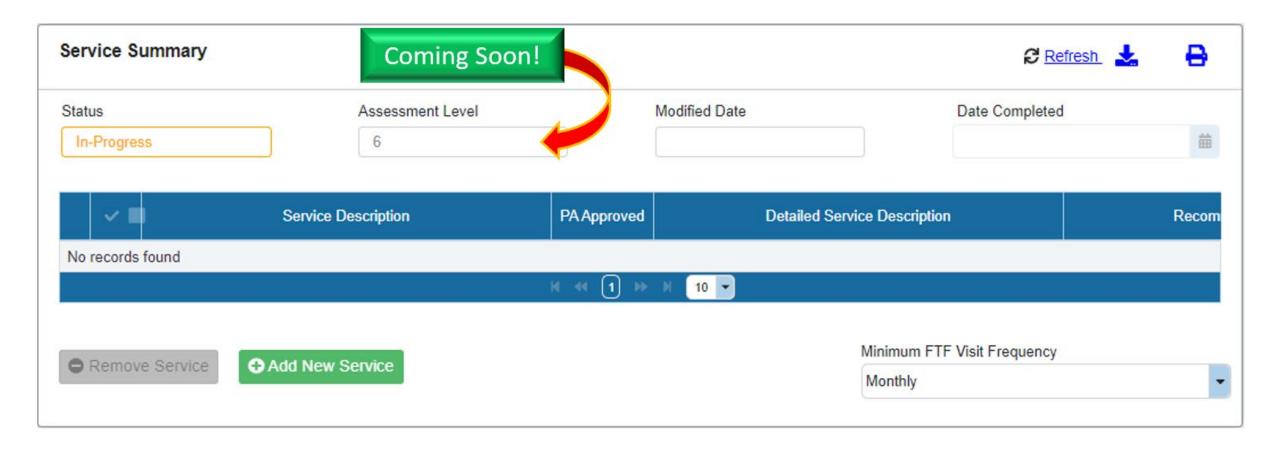


Verity Analytics, a system developed by the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) and accessible only by the staff of DBHDD.



Information from Verity Analytics will be imported into IDD Connects weekly.

This process will begin in the very near future.



Community Residential Alternative Capacity

Community Residential Alternative – Capacity (Group Homes)

Group Home rates are based on the licensed **Capacity** of the home rather than occupancy. Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR), a division of the Department of Community Health (DCH), is responsible for licensing facilities in Georgia.

https://dch.georgia.gov/divisionsoffices/healthcare-facility-regulation

Licensed Group Home settings (2) are as follows:

Community Living Arrangement (CLA)

Provider-operated residence with license capacity approval of four or fewer residents.

Personal Care Home (PCH)

Provider-operated residence with license capacity approval of four or fewer residents.

DBHDD recognizes several Group Homes throughout Georgia that are licensed for five or more residents. New group homes with more than five beds have not been permitted for several years, but existing homes have been permitted to continue operating. If one or more vacancies occur such that there are three or four members in the home, the provider may seek to limit the home's licensed capacity to three or four members. However, the provider will not be able to later seek to place more than four members in that home. The rate for members in homes with more than four residents is \$158.67 per unit.

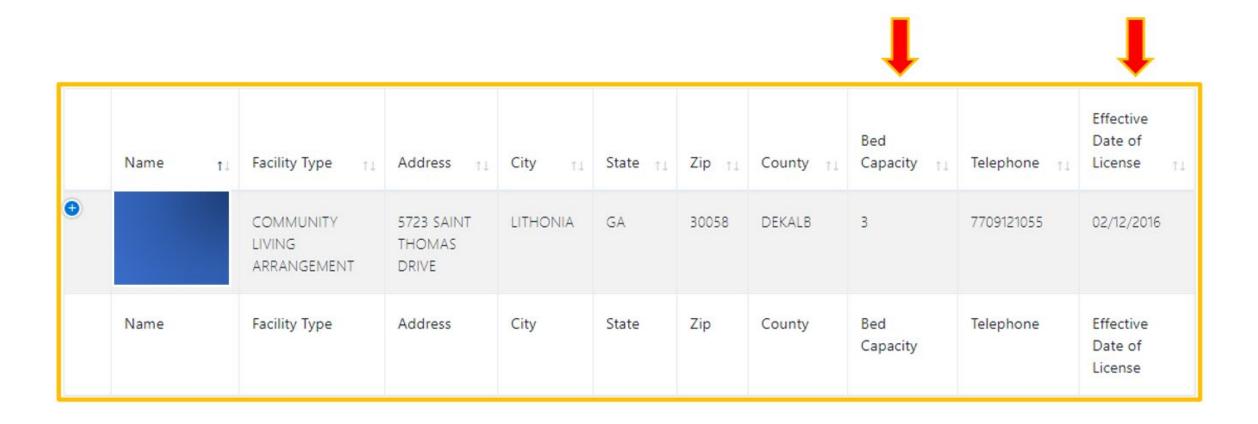
Community Residential Alternative – Capacity Verification

Licensed Capacity verification can be done using either of the two methods below:

- 1. Healthcare Facility Regulation's (HFR) Find a Facility website:
 - https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/GaMap2Care.html
- 2. A copy of the provider's HFR license/permit

Community Residential Alternative – HFR Website

https://forms.dch.georgia.gov/HFRD/GaMap2Care.html



Community Residential Alternative – HFR License/Permit

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH									
	STATE OF GEORGIA								
сомм	UNITY LIVIN	IG ARRANGEME	NT PERMIT						
	This is to certif	fy that a permit is hereby	granted to						
				to maintain and operate a					
	(Name of Governing I	Body)							
Community Living Arrangement named as		(Name of Residence)		for 4 residents.					
		,,		(23 23.12)					
Said residence and premises are located at			(Street)						
inMARTINEZ	30907	County of		, Georgia.					
(City or Town)	(Zip Code)								
Permit effective date is Wednesday, A	ugust 19, 2020	and remains in effect i	unless revoked or suspe	ended.					
"This permit is granted pursuant to the auth and signifies that its facilities and operation permit was issued."									
THIS PERMIT IS NOT TRANSFERABLE		PERMIT	NO.						
In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set ou	r hand this <u>25TH</u>	_ day of AUGU	ST _,202	0					
GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION									
		Me	lanie Si	mors					
		Melanie Simo	on, Division Chief						

Community Residential Alternative – Current Rates (Group Homes)

Bed Capacity: 2 & 3



Capacity	Procedure Code	Rate
	T2033-U1-UP	\$210.32
2 DEDSON	T2033-U2-UP	\$276.92
3 PERSON	T2033-U3-UP	\$308.05
	T2033-U4-UP	\$326.85

Bed Capacity: 4



Capacity	Procedure Code	Rate
	T2033-U1- UQ	\$182.29
4 PERSON	T2033-U2-UQ	\$253.05
4 PERSON	T2033-U3-UQ	\$282.43
	T2033-U4-UQ	\$299.67

Bed Capacity: 5+



Capacity	Procedure Code	Rate
5 PERSON	T2033-U5- UR	\$186.94

Group Home rates are based on the licensed **Capacity** of the home rather than occupancy.

Community Residential Alternative – Group Home Rate Scenario





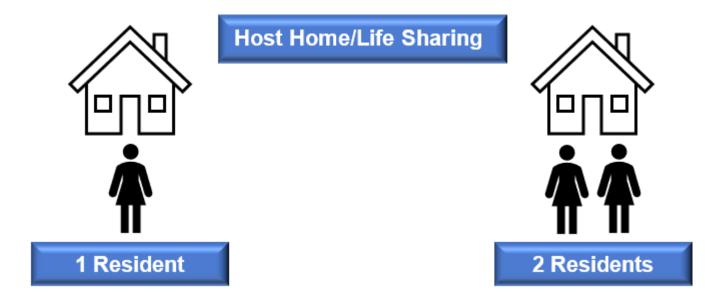
All three residents living in a Group Home licensed for 5 will all receive the rate associated with a **5 Person** home.

Rate per resident: \$186.94

Community Residential Alternative Host Home/Life Sharing Site

Community Residential Alternative – Host Home/Life Sharing

Host Home/Life Sharing site are not required to be licensed. Host Home/Life Sharing service rates are based on the category or tier of each resident. The overview of this process can be found the 'Assessment Levels Overview – Revised' document on the DBHDD Residential and Respite Cost page located on this site: https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/residential-and-respite-cost-study.



Category	Procedure Code	Rate
CATEGORY 1	T2017-U1	\$160.06
CATEGORY 2	T2017-U2	\$198.40

Community Residential Alternative

Individual Service Plans & Prior Authorizations

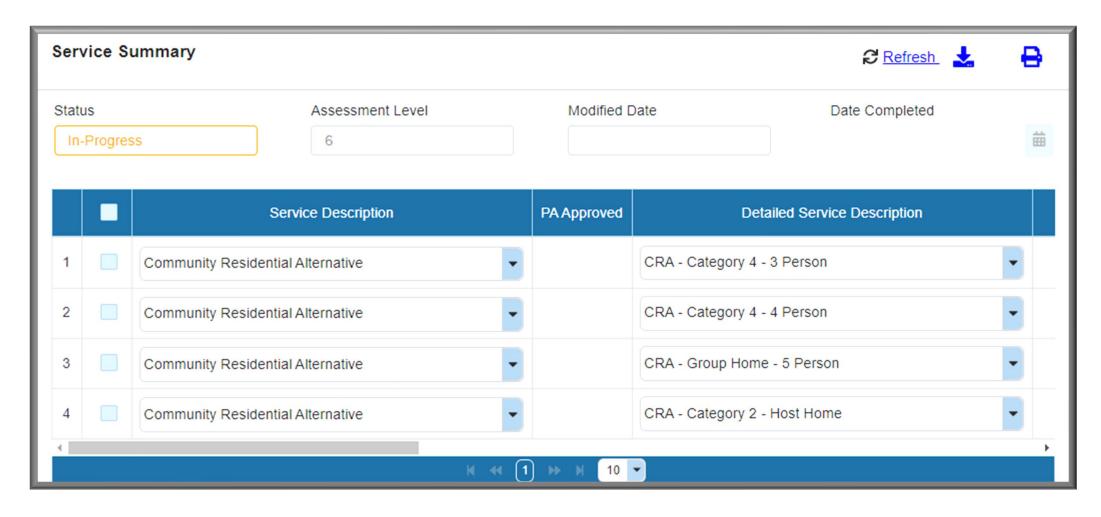
Individual Service Plan Review Policy (Policy Stat)

The Service Planning Process and Individual Service Plan Development, 02-438

https://gadbhdd.policystat.com/policy/11222352/latest

- C. Responsibilities of Each Team Member
 - 3. Responsibilities of other planning team members include the following tasks:
 - Service providers are required to review each annual ISP, within the online case management system, within five (5) business days following draft approval, and contact the SC or ISC with any concerns about service delivery,

Four Potential Residential Settings



Identify the Setting and Capacity

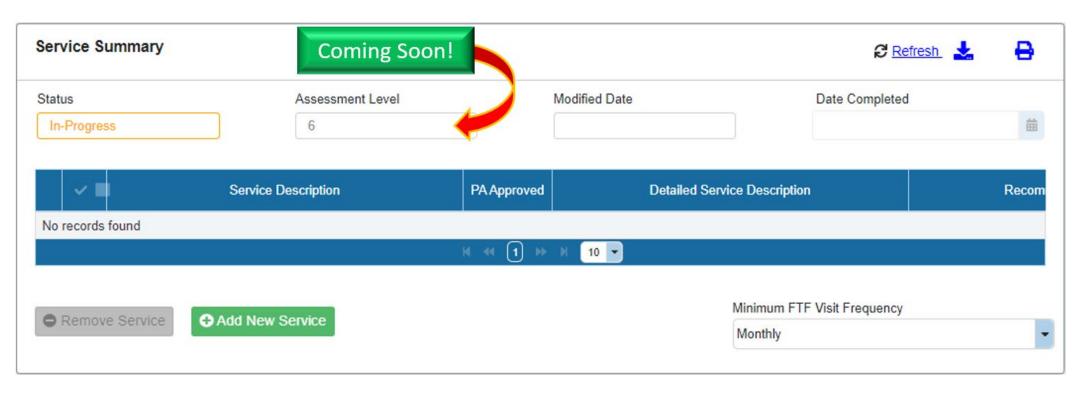
Residential Setting: A Group Home at 2381 Rimmele Drive, Lawrenceville, GA

Facility Type 🚌	Address 👈	City †↓	State 🚌	Zip †↓	County 🚌	Bed Capacity	Telephone 👈	Effective Date of License
COMMUNITY LIVING ARRANGEMENT	2381 RIMMELE DRIVE	LAWRENCEVILLE	GA	30044	GWINNETT	2	6785184156	03/23/2005

Verification Options: HFR Website or a License from HFR (From Provider)

Verify the Assessment Level

(With Assistance from the Field Office)



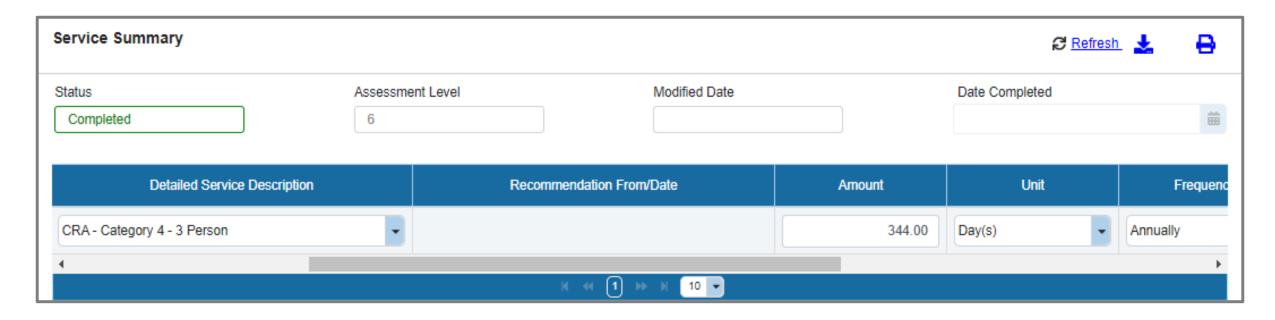
Verification Option: Field Office (Not Provider Agency)

Verify the Category Based on Assessment Level

Assessment Level of 6: Category 4 (Group Home) or Category 2 (Host Home)

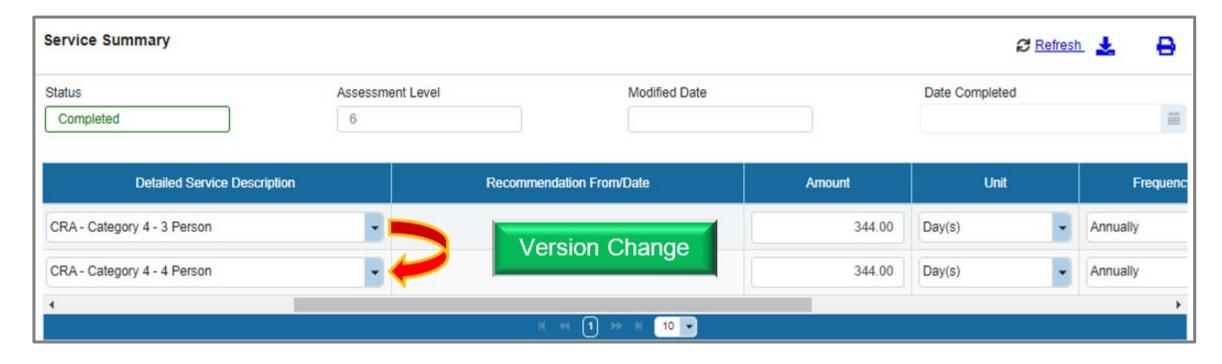
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Adjust Service Summary Accordingly



Amount	Unit	Frequency	Duration of Service
344	Day(s)	Annually	12 Months

Service Summary Update: Capacity Change



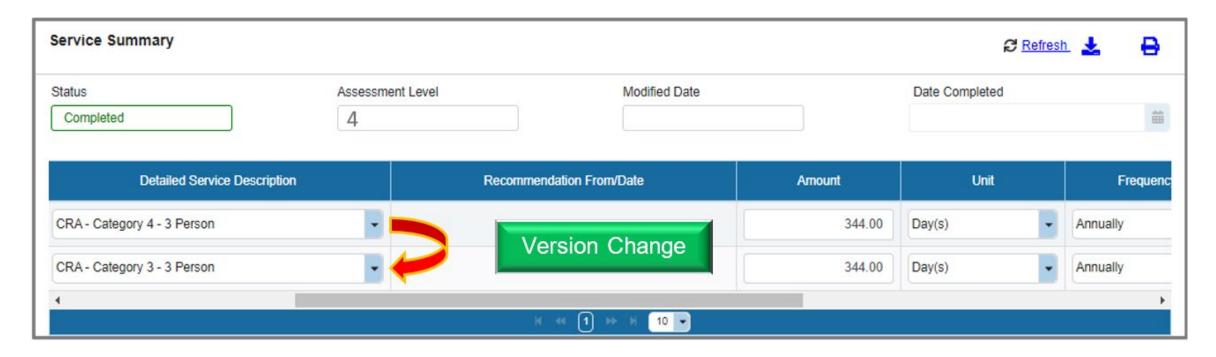
Amount	Unit	Frequency	Duration of Service	Both Service Lines
344	Day(s)	Annually	12 Months	Both Service Lines

Prior Authorization Update: Capacity Change

					SAME PROVIDER
Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4- UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 4 - 4 Person	T2033-U4- UQ	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	HOMES R US

					DIFFERENT PROVIDER
Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4- UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 4 - 4 Person	T2033-U4- UQ	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	RESIDENTIAL INC

Service Summary Update: Assessment Level Change

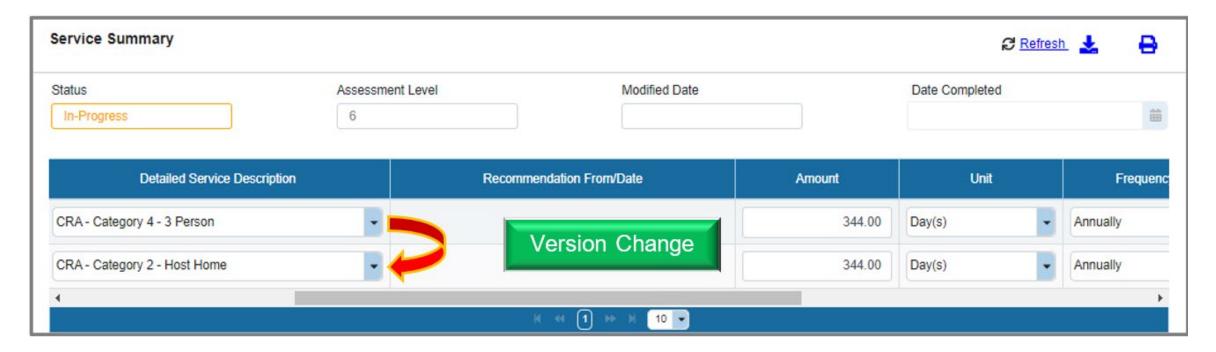


Amount	Unit	Frequency	Duration of Service	Both Service Lines
344	Day(s)	Annually	12 Months	Both Service Lines

Prior Authorization Update: Assessment Level Change

Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033- U4 -UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 3 - 3 Person	T2033-U3-UP	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	HOMES R US

Service Summary Update: Setting Change



Amount	Unit	Frequency	Duration of Service	Both Service Lines
344	Day(s)	Annually	12 Months	Both Service Lines

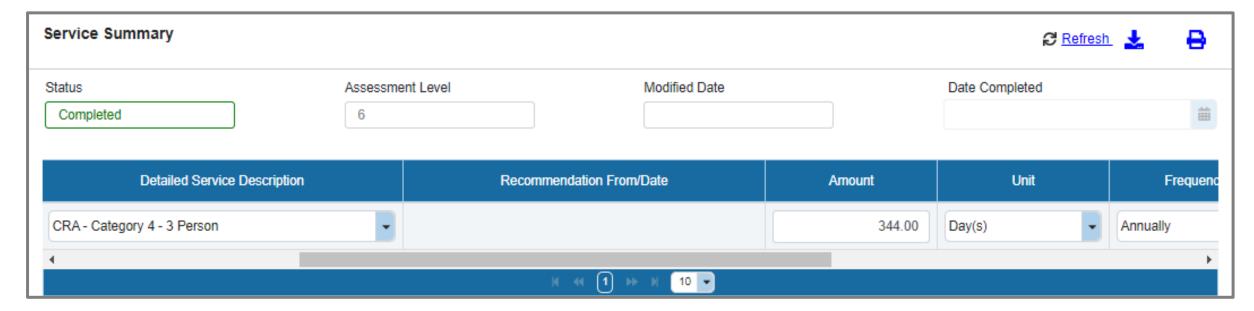
Prior Authorization Update: Setting Change

_						SAME PROVIDER
	Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
	CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4-UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
	CRA - Category 2 - Host Home	T2017-U2	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	HOMES R US

					DIFFERENT FROVIDER
Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4-UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 2 - Host Home	T2017-U2	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	RESIDENTIAL INC

No Service Summary Update: Location/Provider Change

- Group Homes: No Change with Bed Capacity Regardless of a Location or Provider Change
- > Host Homes: No Change to Category or Tier Regardless of a Location or Provider Change



Amount	Unit	Frequency	Duration of Service
344	Day(s)	Annually	12 Months

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Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4-UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 2 - Host Home	T2017-U2	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	HOMES R US

					DIFFERENT PROVIDER
Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
CRA - Category 4 - 3 Person	T2033-U4-UP	120	1/1/2023	4/30/2023	HOMES R US
CRA - Category 2 - Host Home	T2017-U2	224	5/1/2023	12/31/2023	RESIDENTIAL INC

Respite Services

In Home & Out of Home

Respite Services – Key Facts

• In Home Respite

- > Services provided in the individual's own or family home.
- \triangleright The unit of service is 15 minutes or \$1 = 1 unit for self direction.
- ➤ Annual maximum of \$4,935.17 for Category 1.
- ➤ Annual maximum of \$6,731.24 for Category 2.

Out of Home Respite

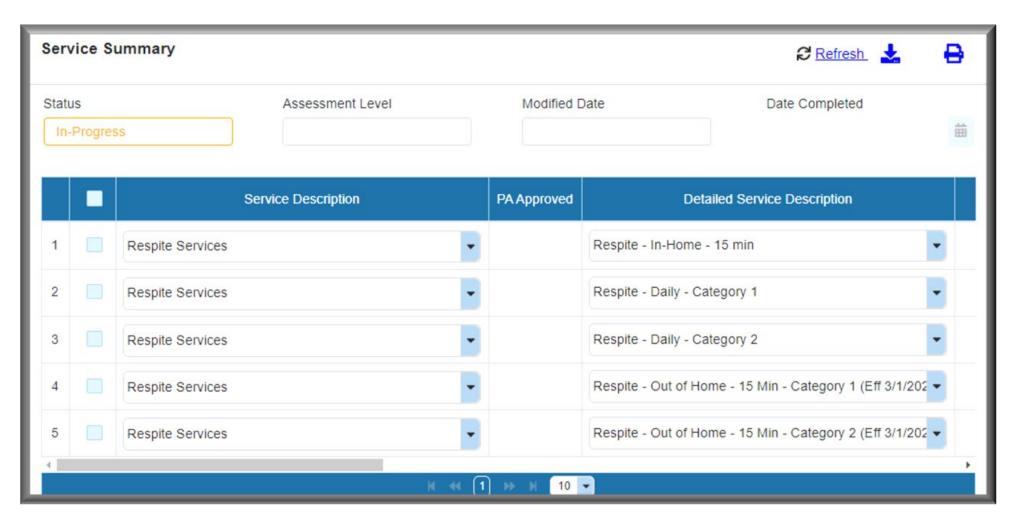
- Services provided outside the individual's own or family.
- ➤ The unit of service is 15 minutes, daily or \$1 = 1 unit for self direction.
- Annual cap of 30 units for daily services.
- Annual maximum of \$4,935.60 for Category 1.
- Annual maximum of \$6,731.70 for Category 2.
- Approved providers may deliver out of home respite services in a host home managed by a Community Residential Alternative provider or in a licensed Personal Care Home, Community Living Arrangement, or Child Caring Institution.

Respite Services

Individual Service Plans & Prior Authorizations

Respite Services – Service Summary

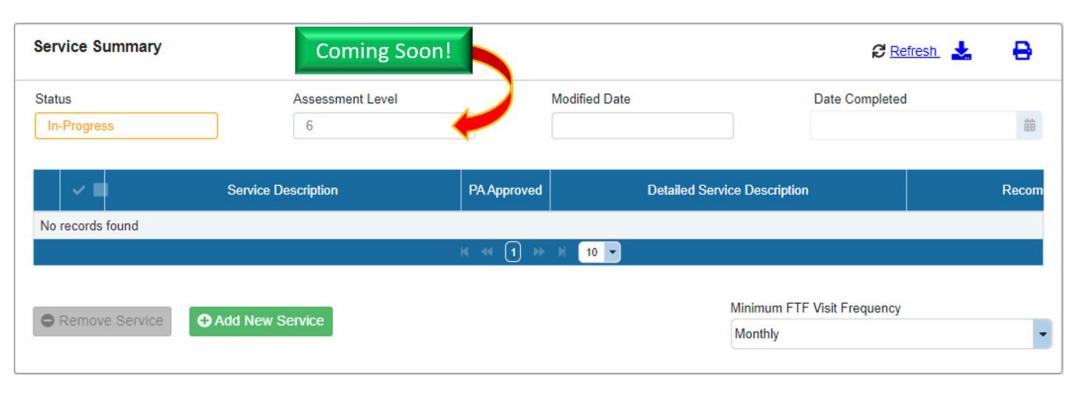
Five Potential Options



Respite Services – Service Summary – Step #1

Verify the Assessment Level

(With Assistance from the Field Office)



Verification Option: Field Office (Not Provider Agency)

Respite Services – Service Summary – Step #2

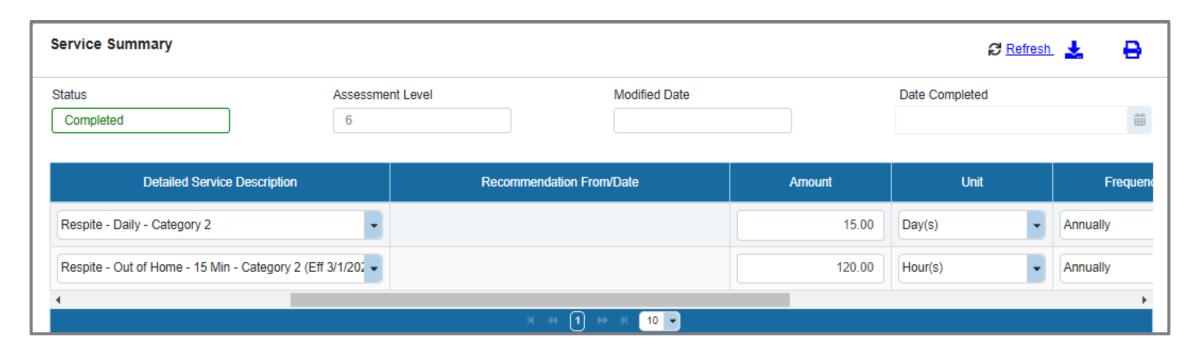
Verify the Category Based on Assessment Level

Assessment Level of 6: Category 2

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3	G-12	Category 1	Category 1						
4	Category 3								
5									
7	Category 4	Category 2	Category 2						

Respite Services – Service Summary – Step #3

Adjust Service Summary Accordingly



Daily and 15 Minutes Combined Cannot Exceed the Annual Maximum

Respite Services – Prior Authorization

Prior Authorization

Service Name	Procedure Code	Units	Start Date	End Date	Provider
Respite - Daily - Category 2	S5151-U1-UJ	15	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	RESPITE INC
Respite - Out of Home - 15 Min - Category 2 (Eff 3/1/2021)	S5150-U3	480	1/1/2023	12/31/2023	RESPITE INC

Please Contact the Field Office Operations Analyst for Prior Authorization 'Unit' Updates

Respite Services – Service Summary – Version Change

Common Circumstances for Service Summary Updates

- Increase or Decrease of 'Amount' or 'Duration of Service'
- 'Category' Change as a Result of an Increase or Decrease of an Assessment Level
- Change or Update in Service Delivery Option: Traditional/Self Direction

Questions

